

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Advanced Life Support Course Standards		
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- A. **Performance Standards** - Upon successful completion of an advanced life support training program, the student will be capable of performing the following functions:
1. Assess and recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of their injuries and determine their immediate medical needs.
 2. Initiating and continuing emergency medical care under medical control, including the recognition of presenting conditions and initiation of appropriate invasive and noninvasive therapies and assessing the response of the patient to that therapy.
 3. Exercise personal judgment to follow prearranged medical protocols in case of interruptions in medical direction caused by communications failure or in cases of immediate life-threatening conditions.
 4. Lift, move, position and otherwise handle the patient in a way as to minimize discomfort and further injury.
 5. The student will be proficient in all basic skill requirements established for the EMT certification level.
 6. The student will be proficient in all additional advanced skill requirements established for the program.
- B. **Skills Proficiency** - The Advanced Life Support provider will be trained and proficient in all skills described in the applicable curriculum approved by the Office and in all skills required of a certified EMT. (See the "[Emergency Medical Services Procedures Schedule](#)" and the "[Emergency Medical Services Medications Schedule](#)" for specific essential and allowed optional skills for this certification level.) (See **T-200**)
- C. **Didactic Additions to the Curriculum** - Lesson material can be added to the core curriculum only as approved by the Physician Course Director.
- D. **Skill and Medication Additions to the Curriculum** - Only those medical procedures and medications included in the "[Emergency Medical Services Procedures Schedule](#)" and the "[Emergency Medical Services Medications Schedule](#)" may be instructed in any advanced life support training program, if applicable. Additions to the program curricula may only be

included that are authorized by the Office and deemed necessary by the Physician Course Director.